
Missouri Early Childhood Policy Symposium for Legislators and Legislative Staff



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Why?

Every child deserves to grow up happy, healthy, and ready to succeed in school and life.

What?

Through collaboration and advocacy, we develop and advance evidence-based public policies that support the health, education, safety and development of children and families and help them thrive.



How?



MISSOURI EARLY CHILDHOOD POLICY SYMPOSIUM FOR LEGISLATORS AND LEGISLATIVE STAFF

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The National Conference of State Legislatures is the country's most trusted bipartisan organization serving legislators and staff. We promote policy innovation; create opportunities for lawmakers to share knowledge; and ensure state legislatures have a strong, cohesive voice in the federal system. We do this because we believe in the importance of the legislative institution and know that when states are strong, our nation is strong.



WHO IS NCSL?

- National bi-partisan membership organization
 - 7,383 legislators and all legislative staff.
 - Offices in Denver and Washington, D.C.
- Our mission:
 - Improve the quality and effectiveness of state legislatures.
 - Promote policy innovation and communication among state legislatures.
 - Ensure state legislatures a strong, cohesive voice in the federal system.



EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION AT NCSL

- Legislative tracking

- [ECE Legislative Tracking Database](#)
- [State Action on Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

- Writing

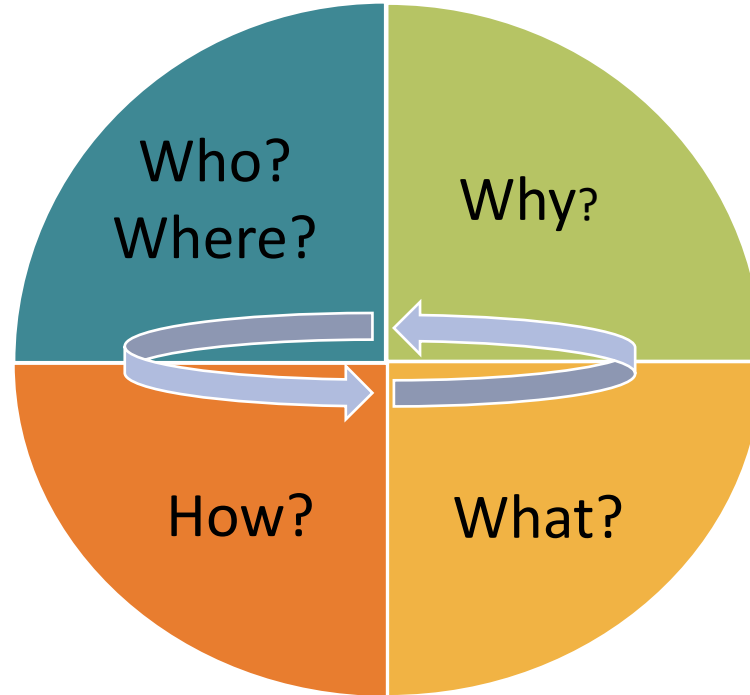
- Report: [Time Off to Care: State Actions on Paid Family Leave](#)
- Magazine article: [Child Care a Necessity for Rebuilding the Economy](#)
- [Early Care and Education State Budget Actions FY 2020](#)

- Convenings

- Virtual and in-person



- Prenatally
- Infants
- Toddlers
- Young children
- Home based
- Center based
- Schools



- Educational achievement
- Economic productivity
- Responsible citizenship
- Lifelong health
- Strong communities
- Successful parenting

- Governance and systems
- Data
- Financing
- Workforce

- Child care
- Home visiting and parents support
- Prekindergarten
- Child welfare services
- Early childhood mental health, early intervention and other services
- Health and nutrition

Let's take a quick tour of early learning

CO-HOST COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Representative Louis Riggs



Representative Brenda Shields



Representative Peter Merideth



Senator Karla Eslinger



Senator Lauren Arthur



Senator Brian Williams

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